



# COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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## WIC breaks ground for new office



Elvia Kelly  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Women, Infants, and Children facility took place on Fort Stewart, Feb. 10. The new facility will be located on W. Bultman Ave., near the veterinary clinic.

As fresh lumber laid in piles next to the decrepit

modular facility paving way for the new WIC office, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey E. Phillips, 3rd ID deputy Commanding General, shared that the WIC program is an expression of the community's care for individuals.

"What is a community without the individuals," said Brig. Gen. Phillips. "This program itself is an expression of the community understanding in our heart the meaning of the words that we take care of our own,

and the Army is known for taking care of its own."

The WIC is a nutrition program aimed to provide assistance to women, infants, and children. While a WIC facility is available in the city of Hinesville, the WIC clinic on Fort Stewart primarily serves the military community.

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## 2011 Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaign

Army Emergency Relief Press Release

**Washington, DC** – Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief recently announced the start of the Annual AER Campaign which runs from March 1 through May 15. The Stewart-Hunter kick off is March 1st.

The theme of this year's Campaign is "Helping to make Soldiers and their Families ARMY STRONG."

While local commanders may adjust the dates to meet their mission requirements the campaign objectives remain the same: to create greater awareness of Army Emergency Relief programs and benefits; and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers.

"Raising awareness of Army Emergency

Relief benefits is the critical first step in providing Soldiers much needed access to Army Emergency Relief assistance. Our goal is to ensure that no Soldier or Family Member is disadvantaged in time of financial need because they did not fully appreciate the benefits of Army Emergency Relief," stated AER Director Lt. Gen. (Retired) Robert Foley.

Established in response to a need for financial assistance by Soldiers and their Families during World War II, Army Emergency Relief provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or outright grants. In addition Army Emergency Relief provides scholarships to children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, financial support

to surviving Families of Fallen Soldiers, and grants to widows and Wounded Warriors.

In 2010 Army Emergency Relief provided \$77 million in assistance to over 66,000 Soldiers and their Families. The Command Referral Program company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans to their Soldiers up to \$1,000.

Army Emergency Relief assistance is available to Soldiers and their Families, wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need. Soldiers and their Family Members requiring Army Emergency Relief assistance can contact their unit chain of command or go to their local installation AER office.

The AER Office is located at (Stewart) 201 Lindquist Road, building 86 and (Hunter) 171 Haley Avenue, building 1286. Soldiers and Families not near an Army Installation Army Emergency Relief office can seek assistance from Army Emergency Relief at an Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard base from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance respectively or from any of the local chapters of the American Red Cross located throughout the United States.

Full details on Army Emergency Relief's assistance programs, call Randy Knox at (Stewart) 912-767-5058 and Janie Smith at (Hunter) 912-315-6816.



### 117th ACS gives to charity

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Alwood, commander, 117th Air Control Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard, Hunter Army Airfield, presented an \$800 check to Mary Jane Crouch, Savannah Second Harvest Food Bank executive director, on Feb. 5. His unit collected the money during its annual charity campaign a little after the holiday season.

It was the first time donations were given to Second Harvest Food Bank.

"We know that, typically, charities receive fewer donations after Christmas during the other eleven months of the year," Lieutenant Alwood said, explaining his reason to give in February. During the ceremony, Crouch thanked the unit and explained how the check would be used to feed the community.

Master Sgt. Austin Blessard

**Mary Jane Crouch, Second Harvest Food Bank executive director, and Lt. Col. Kevin Alwood, commander, 117th Air Control Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard, hold the \$800 ceremonial check, surrounded by airmen in the unit, during a short ceremony at Hunter on Feb. 5 at the 117th ACS facility.**



## BURIED, REVIEWED



**Sasha McBrayer**  
*The Frontline Contributor*

Imagine for a moment you wake up and your entire world is black. The air is hot and confined, and you are most definitely trapped someplace. You reach for your Zippo lighter but you can barely move.

When you wrestle it from your pocket and light it, your worst fears are confirmed.

You're buried.

Can you do what it takes to survive before your air runs out? Is there anything at all you can do to get out?

Ryan Reynolds finds himself in just this situation in his Sundance Film Festival offering titled "Buried."

He wakes up in a wooden box buried beneath the desert sand of Iraq. He's wet with blood and the only items he has are that Zippo, a flask filled with alcohol, a knife and a cell phone.

This all happens after terrorists attack his civilian truck convoy. The terrorists kill his fellow contractors and take him hostage, only to tuck him in a cheap coffin a feet deep in the sand. He has little luck calling for help. The FBI, after all, isn't in Iraq, and his own company isn't certain where in the vast desert he is located.

Things only get worse when the terrorists call him, requesting he use the cell phone to video record their ransom demands from within his claustrophobic night-

mare. Oh yes, and then a snake decides to examine his pant leg.

I commend Reynolds for taking on this film. Not just any actor can keep audience members on the edges of their seats by spending 94 minutes with him inside of a box.

I was just so excited to see this picture, now available on DVD, and I really built it up into an exciting experiment that I thought would take away my breath. The film poster, after all, boasts praises like "mesmerizing," "enthraling," a "master class" and "twisted suspense." While I did like aspects of the film and I found myself talking to Reynolds' character as if he could hear me.

In the end, I'm not a fan.



# PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY

### Season of The Witch

**Today — 7 p.m.**

(Nicolas Cage, Ron Pelman)

Nicolas Cage stars as a 14th century Crusader who returns with his comrade to a homeland devastated by the Black Plague. A beleaguered church, deeming sorcery the culprit of the plague, commands the two knights to transport an accused witch to a remote abbey, where monks will perform a ritual in hopes of ending the pestilence.

*Rated PG-13 (drama and suspense/horror) 95 min.*

### The Fighter

**Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.**

(Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale)

Inspired by the true story of two brothers who, against all the odds, come together to train for a historic title bout that will unite their fractured family, redeem their past and at last, give their hard-luck town what it's been waiting for: pride. The story unfolds on the gritty, blue-collar streets of Lowell, Mass, where Dicky is a former boxing hero that squandered his talents and threw away

his shot at greatness. Micky Ward, his half brother, is the struggling journeyman boxer who spent his life living in his big brother's shadow.

*Rated R (language throughout, drug content, some violence and sexuality) 115 min.*

### The Dilemma

**Saturday — 6 p.m.**

(Vince Vaughn, Kevin James)

Since college Ronny and Nick have been through thick and thin. Now partners in an auto design firm, the two pals are vying to land a dream project that would launch their company. With Ronny's girlfriend, Beth, and Nick's wife, Geneva, by their sides, they're unbeatable. Ronny's world is turned upside down when he sees Geneva out with another man making it his mission to get answers. As the investigation dissolves his world into comic mayhem, he learns that Nick has a few secrets of his own. Ronny must decide what will happen if he reveals the truth.

*Rated PG-13 (mature thematic elements involving sexual content) 111 min*



*Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 912-767-3069 or go to [www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm).*

## WIC

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"It's good to have a "WIC facility" on post, so that you have those resources, especially for Soldiers and their Families who live on post," said Leah Poole, executive director of Liberty County Chamber of Commerce. "Some of them may not have the transportation to the other [WIC facility], so it's definitely a benefit to everybody."

The previous facility had many weaknesses. It leaked water from the ceiling and the windows, the AC system did not work properly. The halls were small, limiting access for large objects like strollers or even a desk. On rainy days, the facility seemed to be a constant target for lighting.

"The lights would shut-off and the AC kept going out," said Mary Ruth-Montoya, office manager at Fort Stewart's WIC facility. "We were like a lightning magnet. Lightning strikes kept happening. So we're all so excited about the new facility. It's the best thing that could have happened to me, the staff, and the Families."

While construction efforts are paving the path for the new facility, Ruth-Montoya and her staff are temporarily placed at Liberty County Health Department. They are scheduled to return to Fort Stewart's WIC facility sometime in mid June.

"Around mid June the "WIC facility" will be back and operational," said Deidre Howell, the administrator for the Liberty County Health Department. "In the meantime, while Fort Stewart's WIC services are shut down, Families are able to get their WIC benefits over at the main health department, which is in the building across the street from Hampton Inn in Hinesville."

When the new facility is complete, it will feature a clinic with wider halls, bigger offices, and a new parking lot. It will serve approximately 2,200 case loads.

"Our case load is about 2, 200," said Howell. "We see 2, 200 Military Families. The post was gracious enough to give us additional land, so we're able to expand our

building capacity, see more clients, and actually have a really nice parking lot, too."

A major hurdle to jumpstart construction efforts for the new facility was funding. Efforts began in 2009, but not much could be done without the financial support.

"We started in late fall of 2009 working on the decision whether we wanted to put a building in the existing footprint," shared Howell. "We were able to negotiate a deal with USDA to give us special funding for a new facility on post."

As the ceremony came to a close, the decorated shovels, in blue and white ribbon, were dug into the ground, breaking the dirt where the new facility will be built. Brigadier General Phillips, deputy Commanding General, Col. Kevin W. Milton, Garrison Commander of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, the Fort Stewart WIC staff, Poole and Howell all participated in turning the dirt.

# IMCOM business chief calls Thunder Run a 'Success Story'

**Bob Mathews**

*Family and MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist*

Thunder Run, with its attractive décor, reasonably priced good food that includes choices from an a la carte menu, and service focused on allowing customers to get in and out quickly – or, linger if they like – is a “success story.”

Those are the words of Jerry Shelton, Chief of Business Operations, Branch, for the Southeast Region of IMCOM.

“You have one of the best food and beverage operations in our region,” Shelton told Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation directors on a recent visit.

Thunder Run is the newest renovated facility in the region. The region has 40 food and beverage facilities of all types, including clubs, bowling centers, and other outlets.

Shelton praised the Thunder Run décor last October, as the facility's grand opening was about to be held after a months-long renovation project transformed the former Rockets Lounge in Club Stewart into the modern Thunder Run facility.

“I think the décor is very tasteful,” Shelton said then. “I think it is a very nice, clean, comfortable environment to use for our dining here at Fort Stewart. We get lots of oohs and ahhs when peo-

ple come through the door.”

Shelton said managers and planners had set a certain number of customers needed to make Thunder Run a success, and the restaurant has exceeded that number. “We started out with a certain level of customers and the number has consistently grown,” he said.

But Thunder Run won't be resting on its early success, Shelton said.

“We took a disparate bunch of people and formed a team and put together a system to make sure that the food is consistently hot or cold, depending on what item is ordered, and it comes out quickly,” he said.

The service goals have not changed, he said. “One of our goals is to always be conscious of the lead times for a la carte menu-ordered items. We try to keep that waiting time to an absolute minimum.”

Menu improvements are in planning as well. Popular items will remain, but slower moving items are primed to be replaced.

“We have initiated changes that will add a bigger variety,” Shelton said, “to keep the loyalty of Thunder Run customers, some of whom are there at least once a week.”

For more information about Thunder Run, call 912-368-2212.



Sgt. Robert Schaffner, Jr.

***Diners at Thunder Run, which the Southeast Region business chief for IMCOM called “a success story.”***

## Spouses can nominate boss for Patriot Award

**American Forces Press Service**

**ARLINGTON, Va.** - Spouses of National Guard and Reserve servicemembers are invited to nominate their employers for the Patriot Award, following a recent expansion in the program, announced Feb. 10 by the Defense Department's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve agency.

Nominations for the Patriot Award were previously open only to National Guard and Reserve servicemembers to nominate their employers.

However, after learning of the growing number of employers with supportive initiatives for military spouses, ESGR added nominations for spouses' employers, who will receive their own DOD award, the only one of its kind for military spouses.

Employers of military spouses are not legally obligated to provide special support, but National Guard and Reserve spouses often share the challenges that go with military service. Child care, managing the household, and work schedules often have to be adjusted when a military spouse deploys.

Military spouses value the cooperation and

encouragement of their employers just as much as those in the Guard and Reserve. The expansion of the Patriot Award honors flexible employers and is the only DOD-sanctioned award designated for spouses' bosses.

The nation has relied heavily on Guard and Reserve servicemembers during overseas military operations over the past decade. Reserve component members have deployed and fought with active-duty troops.

Unlike spouses of active-duty troops, Guard and Reserve spouses often don't live near a network of large military bases. In many cases, an employer is a spouse's strongest support community.

Spouses already have begun submitting nominations. Robyn Gellerup, a Wisconsin mother of three, works as an office manager for a construction company showroom.

“While my husband was deployed both times, [my employers took] care of us like we are part of their Family, from mowing our lawn, plowing snow from our driveway, to performing maintenance on our vehicles and home,” Gellerup said. “It gave my husband peace of mind knowing that if something goes

wrong, I could just pick up the phone and they'd be there.”

All spouses of Guard and Reserve members are eligible to nominate their employers. Nomination forms are accessible on the ESGR website. Each nominated supervisor will receive a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation, presented by the spouse's employee or a volunteer from the ESGR State Committee.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 to develop and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws, and resolves conflict between servicemembers and employers.

Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and

Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

For more information about ESGR Outreach Programs, or ESGR volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-336-4590 or visit the agency's Web site.





# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

# Reuniting with Family

**Chaplain (Maj.) Mike Reeves**  
*Installation Family Life Chaplain*

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
**Exodus 15: 2, ESV**

Israel has just watched as a powerful Army arrayed against them from Egypt and is defeated. They cannot contain their gratitude. They are celebrating victory as they sing out with praise and thanksgiving to God.

Here at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield we have also have faced great challenge and experienced

victory. We have much to be thankful for as many who have been separated from Family and friends are reunited. We have many great stories to tell.

Some of the stories will also be difficult and painful. Things may not always have been easy for you in your situation whether here or deployed.

Still, God certainly has been with us in more ways and at more times than we can count. These positives stories will be important for you to share together. The difficult stories will be important for you to share and pray about as well. Thank God for his care. Celebrate his providence and blessing in all situations, even the tough ones.

The bottom line is- reunion is a time to celebrate

and lift our praises to God together. Exercise that praise in your relationships.

Enjoy and deepen your relationships with loved ones. Tell them how thankful you are for them. Care for each other at every opportunity. Attend some of the many opportunities offered as an opportunity during the reintegration period to help you strengthen your relationships.

If you see someone in need, encourage them to seek help. If you are one who needs help, seek it. Watch for Soldiers who are alone and spend time with them.

May God Bless you, your friends and your Family as you reunite!

## Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne Chapel	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne Chapel	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage Chapel	10 a.m.
Kids' Church	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
<b>Islamic Prayer</b>		
Main Post Chapel		
<b>Jewish Prayer</b>		
Marne Chapel		
Hunter Army Airfield		
<b>Catholic</b>		
Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:15 a.m.
Weekday (M,W,F) Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:45 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
<b>Kids' Church</b>		
Hunter Chapel		9 a.m.

## Kid's Church at Main Post Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

Bus Pick-up at Marne Chapel  
10:50 a.m.

For children grades K-5

For more information contact  
Mrs. Bolton at 912-767-8801.

All children must be registered prior to  
attending Kid's Church.

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry  
exists to share "Biblical Truth"  
with middle and high school age youth,  
to disciple them in the Christian faith,  
and to equip them for lives  
of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to  
[www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth](http://www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth)  
or contact  
Michael Iliff,  
Fort Stewart Youth  
Ministry Coordinator  
at 912-813-9789.

## Weekday Catholic Schedule

### Roman Catholic Daily Mass:

Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Wed.-Fri.

### Roman Catholic Confession:

Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday

For more information, visit  
**TEAM STEWART** | [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil)



# Coastal Happenings

## Visit Live Oak Public Libraries

February is Black History Month. As a partner with the Savannah Black Heritage Festival, Live Oak Libraries will be celebrating African American history with many special programs throughout the branches.

Leopold's Ice Cream is sponsoring an essay contest in celebration of Black History Month. The contest is open to all elementary school students in Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties. Answer the following question in an essay of 1,000 words or less for a chance to win a Leopold's Ice Cream party for your classroom! "If you were Mayor for the day and had to choose one influential African-American in history to celebrate, who would it be and why?"

## Georgia Park passes available

Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites are making it easier than ever for patrons to "Get Out. Get Dirty. Get Fit." in the state's great outdoors.

Live Oak Public Libraries customers with valid Power Cards can now borrow a Georgia State Park "Park Pass" and Historic Site pass. The passes are good for free parking or admission at any of the 63 parks and historic sites statewide.

## Enjoy a Family movie night

The Hinesville Area Arts Council and Target present, Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Friday at the Liberty County Performing Arts Center (Old Brewton Parker College) on Highway 84 in Flemington.

The movie is "Despicable Me," and attendance is free. For more information, call 912-222-4835.

## Learn about honey bees

The Coastal Empire Beekeepers Association will present a fundamentals of Beekeeping at Oatland Island Wildlife Center, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Feb. 26. The program will be open to anyone age 12 and older. Cost for the day long program is \$35 first person, which includes the book: First Lessons in Beekeeping by Dr. Keith Delaplane, handouts, and a hot dog lunch (does not include admission to Oatland: \$5/\$3). Add a second participant for only \$10 more! CEBA will offer a Low

Country Boil lunch for \$5 or participants can bring their own lunch. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m. Download and fill out a registration form for speedier processing at: [www.cebeekkeeping.com](http://www.cebeekkeeping.com) or [www.oatlandisland.org](http://www.oatlandisland.org). For more information contact Greg at 912-965-4313 or Annie at: 912-395-1509.

## Original play coming to Hinesville

The Liberty Theatre Company, in conjunction with the Hinesville Area Arts Council, is pleased to announce a show date for "Pieces of Home," an original production. set to take place March 12.

The play will be directed by Brian Rothwell, a long time teacher at Bradwell Institute and Jennifer Buehler, who was most recently one of the stars in the Company's "Steel Magnolias." The show will be at the Liberty Performing Arts Center in Flemington and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance for \$10 at [www.hinesvillearts.com](http://www.hinesvillearts.com) or by going to the Hinesville Downtown Development Authority (inside the old jail on Main Street) or the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce (on the corner of Ryon Avenue and Hwy 84). For more information, contact the HMAC at 912-368-4456.

## Fallen Heroes Run/Walk event planned

Community members are encouraged to remember our Fallen Sons and Daughters at the 2011 Fallen Heroes of Georgia 10K, 5K, 1K Memorial Run/Walk, March 19 at Lake Lanier Islands Resort, 7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA, 30518.

This annual event is held in honor of American Soldiers from Georgia, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our freedoms in Iraq and Afghanistan since September 11, 2001.

The event includes three activities: A non-timed 1K race that starts at 8:15 a.m.; chip timed 5K that starts at 8 a.m.; and the 10K chip timed Peachtree Qualifier that starts at 8:10 a.m. The cost before Feb 19 is \$15, \$25 and \$30 respectively; then from Feb. 20 through March 9, \$18, \$25, and \$30.

Visit [www.fallenheroesofgeorgia.com](http://www.fallenheroesofgeorgia.com) for more information.



### When was your last eye exam?

WINN Optometry Clinic is currently open to Family Members and retirees .

If you or a Family Member have not received an eye exam within the last year, now is the time to take advantage of availability! Schedule an appointment today. No referral is need.

Call 1-800-652-9221 or 435-6633.

## Clean up day at Fort McAllister

History buffs and preservationists from around the country will team up with the Civil War Trust to help clean and restore America's priceless battlefields, cemeteries and shrines, April 2.

The nationwide effort – dubbed Park Day – is underwritten with a grant from History™, formerly The History Channel, and has been endorsed by Take Pride in America, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Fort McAllister State Historic Park will participate in Park Day 2011. Volunteers are needed to help with fort cleanup. For more information about Park Day at Fort McAllister, please contact Daniel Brown at 912-727-2339 or at [dannybrown@coastalnow.net](mailto:dannybrown@coastalnow.net).

# How to help a victim of domestic violence

## Army Community Service Installation Victim Advocate

- Talk to victims about the cycle of violence. In most abusive relationships there is a common pattern or cycle to the abuse. After an incident of verbal or physical abuse, there will often be a honeymoon stage when an abuser will make promises and apologies.

The honeymoon stage rarely lasts long and eventually gives way to a tension building stage. Most victims feel like they are walking on eggshells, waiting for the next explosion. Each time this occurs, the abuse often escalates.

Part of what keeps victims in abusive relationships is seeing a glimmer of the person they fell in love with during the honeymoon stage. Some victims may feel guilty that they have also become physically or verbally aggressive during the tension building stage. This can be either a conscious or unconscious tactic victims use to have some form of control over the abuse. They may recognize that if they start the fight, they can get it over with faster.

Becoming more aware of cycles and patterns in their relationship can help them keep themselves safer.

- Understand that they still love their partner in spite of the abuse. It is nor-

mal to have mixed emotions about a partner who is abusive. In many cases the abuse does not happen all of the time.

A victim may have many positive experiences as well as fearful times. Leaving any relationship is a loss that will be grieved, not only for what was, but for the hopes and dreams that were built into the relationship as well.

- Understand that they may feel emotionally and physically exhausted. Many victims of domestic abuse experience symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and have no idea what is happening to them.

Symptoms include insomnia, flashbacks, panic attacks, memory and concentration problems, and nightmares. Explain to them that they are having a normal reaction to being in an abnormal situation. They are not going crazy- this is a real physiological reaction to stress and trauma. Understand that PTSD can be debilitating.

Life becomes about daily survival. Separating from their abuser can seem overwhelming.

- Let them know that they are not alone. Explain that you are concerned for their safety and well-being. Let them know that there are people who can help.



One in three women will be in an abusive relationship. Support groups can be a wonderful resource for emotional support.

- Encourage them to take care of themselves. Initially victims feel that they are not deserving of self-care. Self-care is imperative to healing from domestic abuse.

Taking time for themselves also helps them to feel that they are worth-

while and deserving.

If you are or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call for help at (Stewart) 912-767-3032 or (Hunter) 912-315-5343. The Victim Advocacy Program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days of the year. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

# Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital

## February 8

**Melody Rose Cleaves**, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Athena Cleaves and Jared Cleaves.

**Brody Harlen Mack Day**, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Sgt. Matthew Day and Laura Day.

**Giancarlos Deleon**, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Deleon and Jacqueline Deleon.

## February 9

**Erica Colleen Lucas**, a girl, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Paul David Lucas Jr. and Melissa Anne Lucas.

## February 10

**Aubrey Nicole Billingsley**, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Benjamin O'Neal and Elizabeth Marie Billingsley.

**Jaynah Rose Frieda Southworth**, a girl, 10 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Trinity A. Southworth and Cynthia Southworth.

**Keiralyn Bailey Wright**, a girl, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Jarrod Wright and Jessica Wright.

## February 11

**Cooper Kalel Black**, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Cpl. Joel Black and Heather Black.

**Melanie Grace Canfield**, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Brian Canfield

and Amanda Canfield.

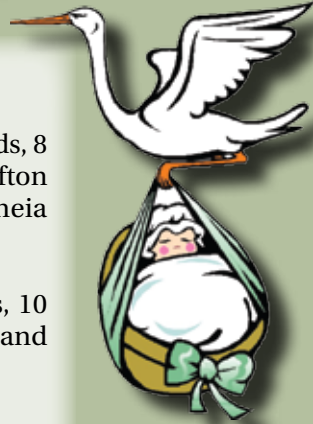
**Gavin Adonis Midgette**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Cornelius Clifton Midgette and Staff Sgt. Jasmine Taneia Clansy.

**Malia Jade Palacio**, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Anthony Palacio and Deanna Palacio.

## February 12

**A'Qeylah Lashea Gaddy**, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Mr. Carlos Gaddy and Spc. Krystal L. Gaddy.

**Artavius Demarcus Snell Jr.**, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Artavius Demarcus Snell Sr. and Shalisa Chariah Snell.







# DFMWR Briefs

## Register for trip to the Daytona 500

Register now for a trip to see the Daytona 500, billed as NASCAR's biggest, richest and most prestigious event. The sign-up deadline is Feb. 18 and the race is on Feb. 20.

Forty-three of the best stock car drivers in the world will compete in what is called "The Great American Race."

The cost is \$65 per person, which includes transportation on a luxury motor coach bus and a tailgate party with food. Tickets for the race can be purchased through Leisure Travel.

For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart or 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

## Toss a line with BOSS Deep Sea Fishing

Join fellow Soldiers and friends for some deep sea fishing off the coast of Georgia 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Feb. 19. The cost is just \$60 per person for this BOSS-sponsored opportunity, but you must sign up by Feb. 16. For more information, call 912-767-9917.

## Learn on the Freedom Trail Tour

Join Leisure Travel Feb. 26 for the Freedom Trail tour and see remnants of the Underground Railroad, where "free persons of color" lived during slavery times, the port of entry where slaves were brought and sold, old communities and Savannah's African American monument.

Register by Feb. 24. The cost of \$25 for adults and \$20 for children includes transportation and tour. For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart and 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

## Youth sports registration end soon

Registration will end Feb. 25 for the Fort Stewart Spring Soccer 2011 season that begins March 1. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/stewartcymns.html> or in person at Parent Central Services, building CT-0029 at Fort Stewart. The telephone number is 912-767-2312.

Track and Field (ages 7-14) and Soccer (ages 4-13) play is open to all Child, Youth and School Services members. For more information, call Youth Sports at 912-767-4371 or 912-767-9270.

## CYSS travels to Cumberland Island

CYSS registered youth will travel to Cumberland Island Seashore from 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. March 26. The great barrier island off the Georgia coast is known for its wild ponies, pristine beaches and forests, Dungeness Castle and First African Baptist Church.

Trip is designed for CYSS registered youth (grades 4-12) to learn more about their surroundings and meet new friends. Registration begins Feb. 14 and continues through March 24. The fee of \$10 includes transportation, ferry crossing, and child supervision. Tickets can be purchased at Parent Central Services, 912-767-2312 (Stewart) or 912-315-5425 (Hunter). No refunds granted after March 24 and a \$5 cancellation fee will be applied after March 24 or for no-shows. Call the School Liaison Office for details. The number is 912-767-6533 at Stewart and 912-315-6586 at Hunter.

## Children celebrate Presidents' Day

Children will celebrate Presidents' Day with stories and crafts in honor of past presidents at the George P. Hays Library, building 411, 4-5 p.m., Feb. 23. There is no charge. For more information, call 912-767-2828.

## Registration coming to a close

Registration will close Feb. 23 for morning and afternoon Pheasant Shoots to be held March 5 at the Taylors Creek DZ off Highway 144 West on Fort Stewart.

Twenty-two shooters for a morning hunt and 22 for an afternoon hunt will be chosen by lottery on Feb. 24.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield active Duty Soldiers, retirees, Army employees and sportsmen from the surrounding community, may register for the lottery drawing at the Stewart Pass and Permit Office, building 8093, or the Hunter Pass and Permit Office, building 1286. There is no charge to register.

For fee or additional information, visit or call the Stewart office at 912-435-8061 or the Hunter office at 912-315-5163.

## Fitness First: The Amazing Race scheduled

Soldiers and Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will climb a rock wall, knock down bowling pins, hit softballs, hit targets with a paint gun, Kayak across a lake and otherwise have a ball as they compete March 12 in Fitness First: The Amazing Race. For more information or to sign up, call 912-767-4316.

## Come out to Stewart Lanes Family dinner, bowling special

Families are invited to take advantage of Family Discount Night with a dinner and bowling special from 6-9 p.m., Feb. 27 at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450. For \$25, the Family can enjoy 10-total games bowling, five shoe rentals, 10 tacos and five refillable sodas. For more information, call 912-767-4273.

## Fly away with BOSS skydiving

Registration will continue through March 9 for the BOSS Skydiving event planned for noon-4 p. m. March 12 at the Atlanta Skydiving Farm. Participants will tandem jump from 14,000 feet. The cost is \$130 per person or an additional \$100 to have the jump filmed and photographed. For more information, call 912-767-9917.

## Register for Big Lift Power Competition

Registration is under way for The Big Lift Power Lifting Competition, offering competitors the chance to compete in three lifts with others in their weight class. The event will be held at the Newman Fitness Center starting at 10 a.m., March 19. Would-be champions can register until the day of the event. The fees are \$10 for early registration and \$15 for late registration, after March 11. For more information, call 912-767-3031/9336.

## Girl Scout Day comes to Corkan

Girl Scouts who wear their uniforms will be given one free game/admission at all Corkan Family Recreation facilities all day, March 12. It is Corkan's way of joining the scouts in celebrating the anniversary of their founding. For more information, call 912-767-4273.

## History tour trip going to Savannah

Join Leisure Travel, Feb. 26 for the Freedom Trail tour and see remnants of the Underground Railroad, where "free persons of color" lived during slavery times. Register by Feb. 24. The cost of \$25 for adults and \$20 for children includes transportation and tour. For more information, call 912-767-2841 at Stewart and 912-315-3674 at Hunter.

# Army Community Service



## ACS calendar of classes, newsletter

The January-March calendar of classes is available for online registration. Also, check out great tips and articles in the ACS January-March Newsletter. Simply go to the Team Stewart website located at [www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs](http://www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs). Call 912-767-5058 for more information.

## Free classes offered at Stewart

Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.: Outreach Family Orientation (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomer's Windshield Bus Tour (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Resumix Insider's Tips for Federal Jobs (Army Education Center, building 100, room 179)

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Before Baby Arrives (ACS, building 82)

Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Outreach Create and Connect-Scrapbooking Group Meeting (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Care (ACS, building 82)

Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.: Families in Action (ACS, building 82)

Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.: Families Achieving Communication Tactics for Success (F.A.C.T.S.) Workshop- Top 5 Barriers to Communication (ACS, building 87)

Feb. 22 (8:30 a.m.-noon) and Feb. 24 (1-4:30 p.m.): Resiliency Training for Family Members, Module 4, Unit 1 (ACS, building 87)

Feb. 22-25, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Couples in Crises-Family Enrichment Workshop (ACS, Army Education Center, building 100, room 243)

Feb. 23, 1-3:30 p.m.: FRG Leader and Treasurer Course for Commanders/1st Sergeants (ACS, building 87)

Feb. 23, 4-5 p.m.: Welcome Seminar for EFMP Families (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Financial Planning for PCS (Soldier Service Center, building 253)

Feb. 24, 2-4 p.m.: Baby Bootcamp for Dads (ACS, building 82)

Feb. 24, 5:30-8 p.m.: EFMP Welcome and Resource Fair (ACS, building 86)

Feb. 28, 9-10 a.m.: Commander/Senior Leader Briefing (ACS, building 82)

## Free classes offered at Hunter

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.: Newcomer's Windshield Bus Tour (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: Play Morning (CYSS Youth Services, building 8805)

Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Foreign-Born Spouses Support Group (ACS, building 1286)

Monday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members- Building Mental Toughness, Module 2, Units 4 and 5 (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.: Baby Bootcamp for Dads (ACS, building 1286)

Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.: Financial Planning for PCS (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 23, 9-11 a.m.: Before Baby Arrives (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 23, 9-11 a.m.: Living on a Plan- How to Create a Budget that Works (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m.: Infant Care (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 24, 2-4 p.m.: 10 Great Dates (ACS, building 1286)

Feb. 28, 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Resiliency Training for Family Members- Building Mental Toughness, Module 2, Units 6 and 7 (ACS, building 1286)

## Couples in crises workshop slated

The Stewart Family Advocacy Program will host the Couples in Crises- Family Enrichment Workshop at the Army Education Center (building 100, room 243) 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Feb. 22-25.

Commanders and senior leaders are encouraged to recommend Soldiers that would benefit the most to attend. This workshop for couples will cover anger/stress management, building/maintaining healthy relationships, couples communication, parenting, resiliency overview, and much more.

Modules taught will be conducted by Family Advocacy Program, New Parent Support, Mobilization and Deployment, Financial Readiness and Military and Family Life Consultants. Advance registration is recommended. To sign up or for more info, please call 912-767-5058 or go to the ACS page located at [www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs](http://www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs).

## Military Saves Week kicks-off

The Stewart-Hunter ACS is participating in the national Military Saves Week Campaign from Feb. 20-27. Military Saves is a national campaign to persuade, motivate, and encourage Military Families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings. Financial literature and brochures will be available at ACS tables located in strategic areas in the community. In addition, check out our free Financial Readiness Program classes on the ACS web page. Simply go to the Team Stewart website located at [www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs](http://www.stewart.army.mil/DMWR/acs). Online registration is also available. Call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816 for additional information.

## Gearing up for the annual AER Campaign

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Fundraising Campaign will take place March 1-May 15. AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization that provides interest-free loans or grants to active duty Soldiers and retirees, single or married, and Family Members as well as surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active-duty or after they have retired. All AER dona-

tions are essential to promote the continued success of assisting servicemembers in time of emergencies and crisis. This year's goal at Stewart-Hunter is \$200,000. For more info or to make a contribution, please call (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

## Don't believe the myth

Myths of sexual assault include gender, age, race, choice of clothes, and sexual history. To get the facts contact the Army Community Sexual Prevention and Response Program at 912-767-6397/6350.

# Volunteer Spotlight



**Name:** Dorothy Law

**Activity/Unit Volunteering for:** Internal Review, Winn Army Community Hospital

**Hometown:** Fitzgerald, Ga.

**Volunteer Title:** Administrative Assistant

**Why do you volunteer?** To contribute in a capacity that helps our military community: Soldiers, Military Families and the U.S. Army



# Officials invite spouses to share employment ups, downs

**Elaine Wilson**

*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON**— Defense Department officials are inviting military spouses to air their state licensing issues and concerns as part of an overall effort to boost spouses' education and career opportunities.

The department has created a discussion board where spouses can describe their experiences -- both good and bad -- with state licenses and certifications as they move from state to state.

"We'd like to eliminate barriers that would enable spouses to pursue their goals, and licensure is a major barrier to spouses as they seek careers," Aggie Byers, senior policy analyst with the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, told American Forces Press Service.

One-third of employed military spouses are in career fields that require a state license, such as some health care professionals, teachers, accountants, pharmacy technicians and medical billers, explained Ed Kringer, director of state liaison and educational opportunity for the Pentagon's office of military community and family policy.

Officials often encourage military spouses to pursue portable careers, since they may offer easier paths to employment in new locations. However, spouses are running into some issues as they move from state to state, Kringer acknowledged.

A license that's valid in one state isn't always valid in another, he explained, rendering spouses unable to work until they can complete the licensing requirements for their new state of residence.

Compounding the issue, some states have stringent application processes or the board may only meet once every three to four months. If spouses miss one board, they'll potentially have to wait months for another. In worst-case scenarios, some states don't endorse another state's license at all, leaving those spouses back at square one in the licensing process, Kringer said.

"The process can be confusing, time-consuming, expensive, and can leave spouses out of the job market for long periods of time," he said. "We realize that a spouse may only be [in a state] for two to three years, and will be missing six months or more of work."

This lack of employment can have a snowball effect, he noted. States often require people to demonstrate reasonable competency, which entails

expertise gained on the job. A spouse, for example, may be required to have worked two out of the past four years in a career to obtain a license. But military spouses who lived overseas for several years, or in a small town with limited career opportunities, may not be able to meet this requirement, he added.

To counter these issues and others, Defense Department officials are working with states to streamline processes and eliminate licensing barriers, Kringer said.

Officials have focused past efforts on easing the transition process for registered nurses and teachers. For example, Kringer said, officials have worked with states over the past several years on a licensure compact that will ease state-to-state transitions for registered nurses. For teachers, he added, they've been asking states to accept one specific certificate across the board rather than requiring a new certificate in each state.

However, only about 11 percent of working spouses are registered nurses or teachers, according to the current population survey, Kringer noted, so officials are working to minimize the challenges facing spouses in all portable careers.

Efforts to institute change already have paid off, he said.

Colorado, for example, passed an endorsement bill last year that's speeding up the licensing process for military spouses, Kringer said. Colorado has a regulatory agency that oversees 77 different careers that require a license. The legislation gives the agency's director authority to grant endorsements without board approval, eliminating sometimes lengthy waits for a board to meet. Additionally, the state now accepts continuing education units in lieu of experience, he added.

More than 25 other states have similar regulatory agencies, he said, and officials are hopeful they'll pass similar bills once they learn of Colorado's success.

Also last year, Florida passed a bill that enables military spouses with a valid license from another state to automatically obtain a temporary six-month license, Kringer said. This gives spouses the opportunity to seek employment while filing for their permanent license, he explained.

The state also has developed a process to expedite the required background check. Rather than several weeks or months, spouses can have their background checks done in a week.

But despite these efforts, Kringer said, officials

know they may be missing an issue or potential solution. "We don't know if we're doing it perfectly," he acknowledged. "We made educated guesses that helped frame these initial efforts, but now we need to hear from spouses."

Kringer encouraged spouses to use the discussion board so officials can better direct their efforts. They'd like to hear what problems spouses are facing or have faced, he said, and they're hoping to learn from success stories as well.

The discussion board, he added, also can serve as a source of information to others. Spouses can learn from someone else's lessons learned, for example.

Although officials hope for extensive input, Kringer cautioned that spouses shouldn't expect personalized responses. The discussion board isn't intended to fix individual issues with states, he explained, but rather is an opportunity to offer feedback to ensure officials are moving in the right direction. "This isn't going to be a quick process, but over the years we should make good headway," he said.

Leaders understand how disruptive frequent military moves can be to a career, Kringer noted.

"There are benefits, but it's disruptive," he said. "And no matter how well we work this, we can't make it so it's not disruptive. But we want to minimize that disruption as much as possible."

This effort is part of an overall, interagency effort to increase spouse employment opportunities, Byers explained, noting that spouse employment was one of the key issues identified in a White House report released last month titled "Strengthening our Military Families: Meeting America's Commitment." The report not only identified key issues military families face, but also presented the programs and resources government agencies plan to launch in the coming months to address them.

For example, the Treasury and Defense departments are working together to release a report on licensing and credentialing practices faced by military spouses.

"Spouse education and employment matters because it leads to their fulfillment," Byers said. "If they feel fulfilled professionally ... they'll have a greater chance to thrive while serving the nation."

People can find more information about spouse education and career opportunities, including free career counseling, on the Military OneSource website.

## Task Force Marne

For more information, visit Task Force Marne online at [www.stewart.army.mil/tfm/homepage](http://www.stewart.army.mil/tfm/homepage)



# Kids learn confidence, character through drama

**Cheryl Rodewig**  
THE BAYONET

Drama Kids celebrates its one-year anniversary on Fort Benning this month. One of many classes available through SKIESUnlimited, the program teaches kids the art of acting and a few life skills along the way.

"We are not performance-based; we are process oriented," said Valeria Marto, director and teacher of Drama Kids.

"The goal is to use the performing arts to build the child — to build confidence, self-esteem, their skills for public speaking. As William Shakespeare put it, 'All the world's a stage.' Every child deserves to be trained in the areas of communication and presentation skills, so they can achieve their best in life."

Before Drama Kids came to Fort Benning, SKIESUnlimited didn't offer any theater classes. But as parents showed an interest in having a drama program on post, Child, Youth & School Services started working to make that happen, said Carolyn Shelton, program manager for SKIESUnlimited.

Part of an international curriculum, Drama Kids is designed for children of all skill levels, ages 5 to 18.

"This is for every child. I truly believe in the power of drama as an outlet for children to express their feelings and verbalize their emotions," said Marto, who was active in theater during her childhood in Brazil. "We have kids who are very shy. Once they start, they really blossom. Everybody can do it. It's just a matter of training."

"You can use your energy, learn new things and have fun at the same time," said 9-year-old Frederick Lightner. "I have learned how to interact well with others, to act, to speak clearly and not have stage fright."

For more outgoing kids, it can be a venue for their enthusiasm. Jahaira Simms said her daughter Jaela has never met a stranger, but she and her husband, 1st Lt. Josh Simms, chose Drama Kids as a constructive way for their third-grader "to get all her sillies



***Drama Kids director Valeria Marto guides students through the motions of the play "Pirate Joe", Feb. 16.***

out."

Jaela, 8, said her time at Drama Kids is the best part of her week.

"There's like a fun meter inside my body," she said, "and whenever I'm acting it goes all the way to the top. It just tickles me."

So far, she has played a clown, a lion and a jogger in different class activities.

"You don't have to be good at it," she said. "It's just for fun."

That's part of the reason everyone gets a part in the annual play they put on. Parts are distributed based on personality and ability, no auditions needed, Marto said. An award is also given to each child at the end of the year.

"We do shows, but with the goal of building the actor. It's not about the audience," she said. "We work with every child wherever they're at to help them build their character. What we find is that it creates a greater appreciation for diversity because a child gets to understand different characters, build different personalities. That's really the magic of drama."

Sergeant First Class Lorenzo Patrick said he signed up his daughter, 6-year-old Ashanti Nevilles, for Drama Kids at the beginning of the year to challenge her and help develop her self-confidence.

"It might help me be a star," said Ashanti, who cited not turning your back to the audience and speaking up as two things she's already learned.

"It's creative. You can pretend that you're on stage," she said. "It's really fun — you should go and ask your parents."

The program runs September through May. Since practice for the May performance is starting, kids need to sign up before the end of February, Marto said.

Besides the location on post at the McGraw Child Development and Performing Arts Center, Building 11306, 8220 Custer Road, Drama Kids is also offered in the community. But military families get a discount through CYSS. It's \$15 per class off post, but only \$56 per month on Fort Benning.

Parents can sign their kids up for Drama Kids or any other SKIESUnlimited classes at Parent Central in Building 104. Children must be registered with CYSS.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

Celebrates the  
March 2 birthday of  
**Dr. Seuss.**

**March 7-10**  
at Fort Stewart's  
elementary schools:  
Brittin  
Diamond  
& Kessler.

Each school will welcome guest readers.

A colorful illustration of a young child sitting and reading a book. Above the child, a large, stylized red and white striped hat, reminiscent of the Cat in the Hat, is shown. The background of the illustration is a warm, golden-yellow glow.



# First Spouse's Empowerment Convention

**Main Post Chapel**

**February 24 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

The "Empowerment Convention" will consist of a variety of community agencies activities and presentations that will promote awareness, resiliency and well-being through empowerment!

For more information, call  
Alfrieda Adams at 912-767-5828

## Marne Report Weekly Viewing Schedule

8 a.m. | Noon | 5:30 p.m.

9 p.m. | 11 p.m.

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